



UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY HILL COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



This spring, the city is moving into the implementation phase on the three Hill improvement projects funded by the Community, Culture and Safety sales tax adopted by Boulder voters in 2014.

The first project (currently underway) is the installation of a **tree irrigation system** to support enhanced landscaping in the Hill Commercial Area. The installation was timed during the school year at the request of Hill businesses, which felt that it would be worse to disrupt activity during the summer, when revenues are already reduced from fewer university-driven customers. The project also includes the removal and replacement of dead/dying trees and minor reconfiguration of street furnishings.

The second project is the addition of **pedestrian-scale lighting** along key corridors in the Hill neighborhoods. The location of the new lighting fixtures was determined in coordination with CU Student Government and through an open house with members of the public in July 2015. The light fixtures will be low-energy usage LED. The city anticipates beginning the installation after the end of the school year. Mailers will go out to adjacent owners and door hangers will notify adjacent residents.

The third project to construct an **'event street'** in the Hill Commercial Area is in the design phase. There is currently no public gathering space in the business district, and a pilot parklet in the same location in the summer of 2014 was well-received in a public survey later that year. The designers were selected through an RFQ process and preliminary designs have been refined through meetings with Hill Commercial Area stakeholders, city staff and the public at an interactive workshop this month. It is anticipated that construction will begin in the fall of 2016.

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